GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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COLLECTION OF TOLLS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India has drawn up plans to collect tolls on the extended and improved National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the schedule for collections of such tolls from the public on said NH;

(c) whether any similar toll fees are being charged in other States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there are any representations pending with the NHAI against levying toll fees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On National Highway-5 and on other National Highway Sections upgraded to 4-lane facilities, the user fee is charged in accordance with the rates per km notified by the Government for various categories of vehicles under the National Highways (Rates of Fee) Rules, 1997. These capping rates per km were notified at 1997 price levels and are linked to whole sale price index for the year, for deciding the fee rate for NH sections.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Similar fee rates are being charged on Panipat-Jalandhar section of National Highway-1 in the States of Haryana and Punjab, Delhi-Agra section of NH-2 in Uttar Pradesh, Palsit Dhankuni section of NH-2 in West Bengal, Barwa Adda-Panagarh section of NH-2 in Bihar and West Bengal, Bhubaneswar-Jagatpur section of NH-5 in Orissa, Vadodara-Surat section of NH-8 in Gujarat and Gurgaon-Amer section of NH-8 in Haryana and Rajasthan and Moradabad bypass on NH-24 in U.PBesides, user fee is also being charged by NHAI for the bridges in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra at uniform rates for various categories of vehicles.

(e) & (f) National Highways Authority of India keep on receiving representations regarding levy or quantum of fee from individuals and transporters, etc. These representations are duly considered and suitable replies sent.